

Orphan Grain Train †

Relief for Human Need Worldwide



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Being the Hands & Feet of Jesus

Hope Given

Many needed items were shared with families living in poverty, children with cancer, Ukrainian refugees, and the elderly in Moldova from OGT's Wisconsin Branch in Westfield. Thank you, donors and volunteers for sharing Christ's love with so many in need.

Wisconsin Branch



Aid for Maui Families

OGT's Director of Donor Advising Ralph Schmidt continues to work with Emmanuel Lutheran church in Maui with relief efforts for fire victims. Ralph was able to order \$10,000.00 worth of infant, children's and adult diapers from the local Costco . The need changes from week to week for the hundreds of families still living in hotels. Last November's Giving Tuesday donations went toward paying for this order. Thank you, supporters that gave generously on that day. Continue to pray for the many families still devastated from that massive fire.

Disaster Relief

Double the Love

The Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded two shipments to two different recipients in Republic of Georgia. The first was filled with 7,128 Mercy Meals, medical equipment, bikes, school kits and other aid. The second container was filled with recreational/sports clothing which aids many families, orphans and schools. What wonderful gifts for children, the elderly and disabled individuals living in poverty.



Did you know that OGT has 27 locations from California to Connecticut that accepts reusable goods and depend upon volunteers to sort and pack goods to be shared with those in need worldwide.

Find a location near you to lend a helping hand or drop off goods.

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Well Done

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plover, WI is one of the packing sites for OGT's Wisconsin Branch and recently packed and sent out their 25,000th box! Thank you to the many volunteers who faithfully come every Tuesday to sort and pack, and to all those who have donated clothes, toys, and household goods so others around the world can have their needs met.

Food for the Hungry

Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded 129,456 Mercy Meals, bikes, student furnishings & supplies along with other aid for Christ Mandate for Missions Church. Bishop Harvey is always grateful for the food and support to help many pastors and families in desperate need in Malawi. Thank you, donors & volunteers!



Norfolk Warehouse



Servant Hearts

Ladies Aid at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran in Slater, Missouri, donated beautifully hand-crafted quilts to OGT's Missouri West Collection Center in Concordia!. The quilts were dedicated on Sunday, Feb 4, 2024.

Missouri West Collection Center

Additional News

Several St. Louis organizations were grateful to receive food & goods from OGT's [Missouri-Illinois Branch](#) to share with many families in need.

Wisconsin Branch volunteers in Westfield delivered a semi-trailer full of goods for many in need at Cornerstone Children's Ranch in Quemado, TX.

[Ohio Collection Center volunteers in Napoleon](#) delivered bikes, household goods, clothing and other items to several local organizations that help families and children during difficult times. Thank you, donors & volunteers!

Ysleta Mission in El Paso received clothing, medical equipment and school supplies to be shared with many living along the border.

[North Dakota Branch volunteers in Jamestown](#) delivered food, medical equipment & 68 Christmas Gift boxes to Juan Valdez in Eagle Pass, TX. Juan will take the donations into Mexico to bless many families there. Thank you, ND donors & volunteers!

Weekly Devotion

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days & forty nights, He was hungry. (Matt. 4:12)

Fasting: Many people, even Lutherans fast, especially during Lent. It is a valuable spiritual discipline. Some fast by eating only fish on Fridays. I went to a Lutheran grade school in an overwhelmingly Lutheran town. Yet on every Friday during Lent, we were served fish sticks as part of our school lunch. I asked my dad, who was principal, why we had fish sticks on these Fridays. It turns out that one of our food vendors was Catholic & gave us a discount on fish sticks.

Matthew 4:1-11 is the account of Jesus' temptation by the devil in the wilderness. Jesus fasted "forty days & forty nights." Of course, "He was hungry!" And Satan's first temptation was directed at our Savior's hunger.

“The tempter [Satan] came to (Jesus) & said, ‘If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’” (Matt. 4:3) This was the first of three temptations. *“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (4:4)* Jesus was quoting from *Deut. 8:3*. Each time Jesus was tempted, He countered with the Word of God. Finally, He said to the devil, *“Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God & serve Him only!’” (Matt. 4:10)* Satan works overtime to put temptations in our way. Without God’s grace we could not stand up to these temptations. *Hebrews 4:15* says, *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.”* The first Messianic promise in Scripture is found in *Genesis 3:15*, where God says to the serpent, Satan, *“And I will put enmity between you & the woman, & between your offspring & hers; He will crush your head, & you will strike His heel.”* The devil struck Jesus a glancing blow when He was nailed to the cross. Jesus *“crushed”* Satan by dying & rising again to save us.

Prayer Prompts: Ask God to lead you not into temptation but deliver you from evil.

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